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## Franklin Park Representatives Describe Pace of Improvements

by Thomas X. White

It has been a little over 10 months since the city's Planning and Community Development Department (P&CD) practically labeled the Springhill Lake apartment development a failed project. This occurred during an April 28, 2010, budget worksession during which maintenance and other problems at the apartment complex, then known as Empirian Village, overshadowed the P&CD budget review.

At that time, councilmember Rodney Roberts, offering council's bleakest budgetary outlook, suggested the city might just let the buildings deteriorate and then condemn the property. Well, fast forward to March 7, 2011, at the second worksession with representatives of Fieldstone Properties, the new owners of the complex now known as Franklin Park. There appears hope that the project purchased last October may be turning around.

This time Councilmember Leta Mach captured the tenor of the evening when she said that four months ago, when council first met with Fieldstone Properties, she was "cautiously optimistic and now she is optimistic."

Mayor Judith Davis began with a list of 14 items carried over from the first worksession that she hoped Fieldstone owners would discuss and update. Besides members of council, others present were Celia Craze, director of the city's P&CD; City Manager Michael McLaughlin; Assistant City Manager David Moran; and Officer Tim White and Captain Carl Schinner of the Greenbelt Police Department.

Fieldstone Properties principal Joe Kazarnovsky spoke for the management company. He was accompanied by Debbie Dillon, executive vice president of Fieldstone Properties and the senior onsite executive.

Also attending were members of their management team: Sharee Koenig, resident relations manager; Office Manager Michelle Dornberger; Operations Manager Lea Garcia; Director of Maintenance Manny Perez; and Chief Engineer John Philpott. Several Franklin Park residents also attended.

### Maintenance

Kazarnovsky provided an update on several issues. In the four months since the initial meeting with council, when they promised to "turn things around," they have made a huge dent, he said, in the maintenance backlog.

Resident complaints have been reduced, he testified, and complaints now come in to Franklin Park management rather than to the city. Craze agreed. She noted complaints are down by 50 percent. She and her staff, she said, are trying to figure out the best strategy for future dealings with Franklin Park. She said the situation has evolved and signs are good.

As to public safety, Franklin Park has formed a partnership with Greenbelt police. Officer Tim White as "Community Partnership Officer," has a dedicated office there and works on crime prevention. About 40 residents with criminal backgrounds have been removed from the property and a chart with crime statistics (month over month) from January 2007 through January 2011 shows significant reductions for robberies (down 80 percent), motor vehicle thefts (down 93 percent) and overall (down 30 percent). However, two categories, breaking/entering and larceny, have not decreased.

Officer White advised council the situation at Franklin Park has stabilized. Residents of 32 addresses have been removed, he said. A part-time police officer, on site at night on weekends, supplements regular patrols. Given access to the Franklin Park leasing system, White can now target potential problems, he said, and has been provided a smart phone by Fieldstone to assist in his efforts.

### Vacant Units

Kazarnovsky said several hundred units remain vacant and that about 80 units per month are being renovated.

Handout materials showed the extent of planned renovations, including new energy saving appliances, granite countertops and new cabinets in the kitchens and new bathroom vanities and deep tubs.

Nearly all floors in the units are in excellent shape, he said. Other features underway or

planned include a private shuttle to the University of Maryland and to Metro; a state-of-the-art fitness center for residents; restoration of a village center with retail and resident services; full service day care and restoration and enhancement of the lake.

Kazarnovsky said renovation of a fire-damaged building will be completed by mid-May and the more recent wind-damaged units are being inspected. He said management will consolidate resident laundry facilities in 7 to 10 selected buildings and close down the remaining basement laundry areas. A longer term goal, he said, will be placement of washer/dryer units in individual apartments. The basement spaces may be used for storage.

### Housing Agreements

Franklin Park representatives provided updates on efforts to fill vacancies. While Fieldstone had hoped to house University of Maryland graduate students, Dillon said the university has sufficient agreements with other sites to meet present needs.

Franklin Park has executed rental housing agreements with the military base at Anacostia/Bolling and is working on an agreement with Fort Meade. Under these agreements, Franklin Park would designate 500 apartments for members of the active military services and 25 for displaced veterans.

If these military populations reside at Franklin Park, military sponsors would consider providing ancillary services for the families, such as a satellite PX. In this regard councilmember Silke Pope suggested they contact Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, who might assist in such programs.

Other councilmembers noted that an influx of military families would be another impetus for a community day-care facility, with Leta Mach suggesting a "cooperative" nursery. Kazarnovsky envisions the project, he said, as decreasing the number of school children and emphasizing active adults.

On current rental rates, Kazarnovsky said some one-bedroom units now rent in the range of \$1,250 a month and the average is about \$1,600.

### Council Comments

Other council comments dealt with the fire code for renovated units, recycling opportunities and consideration of establishing a tenants' advisory council association.

They urged better communication with residents. Councilmember Konrad Herling argued for assuring that the active CampFire USA project continue with adequate space and that extending

See **COUNCIL**, page 6

### Women's History Month

## Naturalist Ethel Dutky Enhances her Greenbelt

by Sandra A. Lange

Greenbelt resident Ethel Dutky was a stay-at-home mom for eight years before she returned to graduate school to earn a master's degree in botany and plant pathology. She spent her entire career at the University of Maryland (UMD) studying diseases primarily in ornamental plants. She was director of UMD's Plant Diagnostic Laboratory until her retirement in 2006.

Dutky has lived in Greenbelt since 2005 when she sold her Silver Spring home and moved here to be closer to her UMD job and Alvin Wilson, a colleague whom she later married. She is active on the city's Advisory Committee for Trees and GHI's Woodlands Committee. She values Greenbelt as a place where she can live close to mature trees and occasionally spot bald eagles, river



Ethel Dutky

otters, beavers, ducks and geese.

One summer she observed new plantings drying up along the inner walkway near her Laurel Hill home and then dragged several hoses into the common area to water them. This experience sparked her interest in developing what she calls "pocket gardens" throughout GHI.

As her interest caught on, her neighbors began to help by purchasing plants for her to add to the pocket gardens. Dutky sees these gardens as a way to enhance the woodland environment and increase the enjoyment of people as they stroll along the paths. This summer she hopes to plant more native fruit- and nut-bearing plants as food sources for birds and small animals.

See **DUTKY**, page 9

### A Review

## "Reefer Madness" Offers Viewers a Real Buzz

by Jim Link

"Creeping like a Communist, it's knocking at our doors  
Turning all our children into hooligans and whores . . .  
Fight the urge of this scourge! It's destructive but seductive! . . .  
Reefer Madness! Reefer Madness! Reefer Madness!"  
— Kevin Murphy, lyricist

A sold-out opening night audience last Friday night raucously welcomed Reefer Madness to the Greenbelt Arts Center. The professionalism and exuberance of this production more than justified the enthusiasm. As with "happenings" like the Rocky Horror Picture Show, the symbiosis between audience and performers was humorous and mutually energizing.

The cautionary tale of the rapid descent of high school ingenues Mary Lane and Jimmy Harper into the miasma of "marihuana" when — how did that "h" become a "j"? — is intoned once more by the moralistic Lecturer to the local PTA audience. In his rigidly Manichean world, smoking a joint or two results inexorably in addiction, political incorrectness, promiscuity, mayhem, murder and an excess consumption of munchies — all clear and present threats to the American Way of Life.

The combination of Rikki Howie's creative choreography,

Jeff Lesniak's imaginative direction and a uniformly talented cast who sing, dance, act and camp it up skillfully, make this production smashingly successful. Is there anything Lesniak doesn't do? He's the director, fight choreographer, set and lighting designer and helped as well with set construction.

Among the actors, the versatile Zach Brewster-Geisz, the morally smug Lecturer, also (rather hypocritically) plays a devil at the orgy and FDR in a wheelchair, sporting a cigarette holder. It was fun to watch Laura Kavinski (Mary Lane) convincingly morph from virgin to vamp to angel.

The surreal orgy scene is a show stopper, where the ladies did a bump and grind in flesh-colored lingerie with marijuana logos glued to three cherished parts of their anatomy. Eat your hearts out, Victoria's Secret models!

See **REVIEW**, page 9

### What Goes On

Friday, March 18

1 p.m., Senior Music and Ice Cream Social, Community Center Gym

Tuesday, March 22

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES), Community Center

Wednesday, March 23

8 p.m., Council Worksession with GATE at GATE Studio in the Community Center

Thursday, March 24

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board Meeting, Board Room



# Letters

## Thanks . . . and Clarifications

Thanks very much for the terrific front-page coverage of the upcoming Greenbelt Youth Musical. The News Review is one of the primary ways people learn about the show, and we are very appreciative. There are just a couple of errors in the article that need to be corrected in this week's edition.

The venue for the performances is the Greenbelt Community Center, not the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Also, GAC does not co-present the production. The youth musical is a Greenbelt Recreation Department program. GAC very kindly supports the department's performing arts programs for young people by allowing us to produce the summer camp shows in the GAC space.

Chris Cherry  
Recreation Department

## THANKS!

The cupboard is no longer bare!

Thank you so much for your kindness and support to the Pantry. Special thanks to Safeway of Greenbelt, Mishkan Torah Synagogue, the Boy Scouts and to you dedicated friends who drop off groceries at St. Hugh's Church and Rectory and to our own Greenbelt Co-op.

You do make a difference!

Solange Hess  
for The Pantry

## Clarification

In the page 2 announcement last week about the Howard B. Owens Science Center Family Night it was stated there would be a tree ceremony commemorating the seven astronauts who lost their lives in the 1986 Challenger Shuttle disaster. We have since learned that the seven trees are already planted and have blue ribbons tied on them representing the astronauts – they will be dedicated at the 6 p.m. ceremony Friday evening.

## “Let’s Put on a Play!”

Just like in the old Judy Garland/Mickey Rooney films, the folks who participate in the Greenbelt Art Center (GAC) productions get together to “Put on a Play.” If you’ve seen any of GAC’s recent shows, you’re aware from the programs that many more people are involved than those seen onstage. It often takes twice as many “techies” (responsible for sets, costumes, lights, props, etc.) as actors to produce what is seen by the audience. Technical know-how usually consists of those who can wield a hammer, screwdriver, sewing machine or paint brush, find or make a gallon of fake blood, beg or borrow period set pieces, mail out postcards, sell

tickets, help with finances or do any one or more of dozens of tasks needed to “Put on a Play.” Volunteering for community theater is different, exciting, challenging and fun.

Although GAC can use help with all the above tasks, right now we are urgently seeking someone who knows bookkeeping and can best serve as treasurer of the organization and also someone with stage experience who would enjoy serving as technical director. Age is not a factor.

If you would like to try your hand at “putting on a play” GAC welcomes you with big smiles and urges you to join us. Call the theater at 301-441-8770, ext.7 to volunteer in any capacity.

– Norma R. Ozur, GAC

## Greek Dance Open House Is this Sunday

Syrtos, formerly known as the Greek Dance group of Greenbelt, will resume activities with an open house dance session on Sunday, March 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center dance studio. In addition to demonstrating dances from various parts of Greece, the group will teach newcomers simple pan-Hellenic dances done at Greek festivals held throughout the area in the spring and fall.

Syrtos has held dance classes and social events for 10 years at the Community Center. In addition to meeting weekly to socialize and learn new dance, they attend local Greek festivals and sometimes hold parties or visit special tavernas for Greek

food, culture and to dance to live music.

Greek folk dancing is a way to lose weight, promote physical fitness and reduce stress – it is also fun. For the Greeks to dance is to live – a way of expressing their joys and sorrows through individualized dance styles. Who can forget the music and dance of Zorba the Greek or the joyous enthusiasm of My Big Fat Greek Wedding?

The open house is an introduction for the new seven-week round of dance classes that will meet in the dance studio on Sundays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. People of all ages and levels of expertise are invited to join and no partner is required.

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WANT A GREENBELT  
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GARDEN PLOT?  
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meeting Thursday, March 24  
at 7:30 PM  
In Room 114,  
Community Center.

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SATURDAY, April 9th, 2011  
8:00 AM UNTIL NOON  
(RAIN OR SHINE)  
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www.beltsvillegardenclub.org

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WEEK OF MAR 18  
The Kings  
Speech  
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Friday  
\*5, 7:30, 9:45  
Saturday  
\*2:30, \*5, 7:30, 9:45  
Sunday  
\*2:30, \*5, 7:30  
Monday - Thursday  
\*5, 7:30  
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Grin Belt



"I don't see a four-leaf clover but here's a crocus to remind us that spring is here . . ."

## County Executive Adds to Education Budget

During a press conference at the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro, County Executive Rushern Baker announced the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for Prince George's County. The budget includes \$613 million in public education funding, which is \$15 million above Fiscal Year 2011 “maintenance of effort” levels. This additional revenue consists of \$3 million in base funding, plus an additional \$14 million in a “one-time funding” effort.

While the Prince George's

County Board of Education's FY12 Proposed Operating Budget requested \$25 million above last year's funding, the county executive pledge of \$17 million toward this request is significant additional education funding for the next school year.

Final reconciliation of the public school budget will not occur until state and county legislative bodies finalize their respective FY12 budgets. Check the Prince George's County Public Schools home page for additional budget updates.

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS  
PRELIMINARY AGENDA  
GHI BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS' MEETING  
Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM  
GHI Key Agenda Items:  
• Request for Use of Boiler Room Space – 4E Ridge Road  
• Web Design “Mock Up”  
• Contract for Specification Writing Consultant for Energy Upgrade Pilot, 1st Reading  
• FAQs from Townhall Discussion  
• Marketing Plan  
• ARC Recommendations on Smoke Detectors  
• Contribution Requests  
• Purchase One Replacement Van for the Maintenance Department, 2nd Reading  
• Contract for Employee Uniforms, 2nd Reading  
• 2011 Slate Roof Contract, 2nd Reading  
Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop



# Community Events

## Senior Ice Cream Social Tomorrow

The Greenbelt Recreation Department Senior Center is hosting its 14th annual Ice Cream Social for seniors on Friday, March 18 at 1 p.m. in the Community Center gym where music of the 1930s to the 1970s will be provided by Glenn Harris on bass and Brent Hardesty on keyboard. Participants will be able to socialize, relax and be entertained with this memorable performance, following which they will make their own ice cream sundaes across the hall in the dining room. Ice cream will be available beginning at 2:15 p.m. in the dining room. All seniors are invited to join in this delightful afternoon entertainment. For more information call the Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208.



## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for March 21 to 25: Monday – Apple juice, barbecued beef ribette on a bun, broccoli cuts, garlic mashed potatoes, Mandarin orange sections. Tuesday – Chicken noodle soup, Italian sausage with green peppers and onions on a bun, penne pasta with chunky sauce, chopped spinach, angel food cake with strawberry sauce. Wednesday – Cranberry juice, beef stew, seasoned cabbage, wild rice, tapioca pudding. Thursday – Grape juice, baked chicken leg with gravy, black-eyed peas, chopped collard greens, fresh banana. Friday – Orange juice, cheese omelet, home-fried potatoes, sausage links, fruit yogurt, fruit cocktail.

## At the Library

**Spring Gardening**  
Saturday, March 19, 11 a.m., “Starting a Vegetable Garden for adults,” presented by the Master Gardeners of Prince George’s County.

**Read to Rover**  
Saturday, March 19, 2 p.m. Children can build their reading confidence by reading aloud to trained therapy dogs. Registration is required.

**Storytimes**  
On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian will read age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. \*Wednesday, March 23, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children. \*Thursday, March 24, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 18 to 36 months, limit 15 children. \*Pick up a free ticket for the Storytime events at the Information Desk.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, March 17, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee – Board Room  
7:30 p.m., Finance Committee – Board Room  
Friday, March 18, Offices Closed (Members needing emergency service during closings can call maintenance at 301-474-6011.)  
Monday, March 21, 7 p.m., Communicator Task Force Committee – GHI Lobby  
Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m., Joint Board/Buildings/Finance Worksession – Board Room 7 p.m., By-Laws Committee – GHI Lobby  
Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room  
Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Spring Fling Youth Dance at SHL Rec.

On Friday, March 25 from 7 to 10 p.m. there will be a Spring Fling Dance for youth ages 8 to 14 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. There is a small fee for this fun evening with a DJ, friends and food. Refreshments will also be available at nominal cost. For details call 301-397-2212.

## Reel & Meal Film To Be “Gasland”

The next film in the monthly Reel and Meal at the New Deal series is “Gasland” and will be shown on Monday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café. A buffet is available for purchase at 6:30 p.m.; there is no charge for the film. When filmmaker Josh Fox is asked to lease his land for drilling, he embarks on a cross-country odyssey uncovering a trail of secrets, lies and contamination. A recently drilled nearby Pennsylvania town reports that residents are able to set drinking water on fire. This is just one of many revelations of a new country called Gasland. Part verite travelogue, part expose, part mystery, part bluegrass banjo meltdown, part showdown – the largest domestic natural gas drilling boom in history has swept across the United States; the Halliburton-developed drilling technology of “fracking” or hydraulic fracturing has unlocked a “Saudia Arabia of natural gas” just beneath the surface. But is fracking safe? Gasland explores this issue as Josh Fox travels through states dealing with the issue. The discussion afterward will be led by David O’Leary the Chapter Conservation chair for the Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club. He is among advocates coordinating an effort to pass a bill in the Maryland General Assembly to put in place a comprehensive system of regulations regarding shale gas drilling in Maryland.

## Donation Drop-Off Will Be March 26

The American Rescue Workers Donation Drop-Off will be held on Saturday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring usable clothing, shoes, dishes, books, furniture and toys to make a tax-deductible donation. Donations can be dropped at the parking lot between Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road and the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Materials are redistributed to needy families in Prince George’s County. For more information call the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald  
The Golden Age Club is really ready for spring after a rather rough, cold winter. We have several trips planned, even a mystery trip and a ride on the Strasburg Railroad. The Program Chair has some interesting programs planned. We’ll play Bingo on March 23, have speakers on March 30 and a Chinese auction in April. The anniversary luncheon April 20 is shaping up nicely. Be sure to sign up before March 30 and enjoy lunch and entertainment at the Hilton Garden Inn in Greenbelt. Our condolences to the family of Darlene O’Reilly and to Cathie Holcombe on the death of her son Frank. We’ll keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Let’s all spring forward and enjoy the flowers and greet each other with a smile and a friendly “Hello.” Come to the meetings at the Community Center and bring a friend.

## Greenbriar Phase II Elects New Board

Greenbriar Phase II held its annual meeting on March 8 and elected the following officers for the coming year: President Mary Blizard, Vice President Jackie Gray, Secretary Linda Kulle, Treasurer Gary Thomas and Director Sherre Washington. Board meetings are held monthly at the community building for each association. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend. Greenbriar Phases I and II meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Greenbriar Phase III meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. and the Greenbriar Community Association Board meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

More  
Community Events  
see pages 2, 5 and 12

## Greenbelt Garden Club Annual Plot Meeting

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club Annual Garden Plot Assignment meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Current members are asked to attend. If unable to attend contact the garden coordinator in advance of the meeting date to indicate an intention to continue. Nonmembers who are Greenbelt residents interested in a garden plot should attend the meeting. Questions can be directed to Susan Barnett susnbarn@earthlink.net.

## Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
Center Court  
301-220-1155  
ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.  
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50  
Children: \$6.00  
ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON  
ON SATURDAY \$5.00  
ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.  
Adults: \$8.50  
Students/Military: \$7.50  
Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$6.50  
R = ID Required  
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

## Week of MAR 18

**FRI. – SAT.**  
Rango, PG-13 (!)  
11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 8, 10:35  
Battle Los Angeles, PG-13 (!)  
11:30, 2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:30  
Mars Needs Moms, PG in 3D  
No fees at our location  
11:20, 1:20, 3:25, 5:35, 7:40, 9:50  
The Lincoln Lawyer, R (!)  
11:30, 2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:30  
Limitless, PG-13 (!)  
11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 8, 10:35  
Paul, R (!)  
11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 8, 10:35  
Red Riding Hood, PG-13 (!)  
11:35, 1:50, 4:20, 7, 9:50  
Adjustment Bureau, PG-13  
11:20, 2, 4:30, 7, 10  
  
**SUN.**  
Rango, PG-13 (!)  
11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 8  
Battle Los Angeles, PG-13 (!)  
11:30, 2:15, 5:05, 7:50  
Mars Needs Moms, PG in 3D  
No fees at our location  
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The Lincoln Lawyer, R (!)  
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Limitless, PG-13 (!)  
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Paul, R (!)  
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**MON. – THU.**  
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Battle Los Angeles, PG-13 (!)  
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Red Riding Hood, PG-13 (!)  
12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8  
Adjustment Bureau, PG-13  
12:30, 3, 5:35, 7:45

### Greenbelt Baseball 2011 Registration

Please call the Commissioner in your child's age group

**Ages 5-6 • Tee-Ball**  
(Player does not turn 7 before May 1 of the year in question)  
May 1, 2005 thru April 30, 2006  
Commissioner - Pat Kennedy  
Phone: 301-552-2493  
Email: patandcorny@cavtel.net  
\*Registration for Tee-Ball is Residents \$40.00 Non- Res. \$60.00

**Ages 7-8 • Machine Pitch**  
(Player does not turn 9 before May 1 of the year in question)  
May 1, 2003 thru April 30, 2004  
Commissioner – Greg Fisanich  
Phone: 301-441-4647

**Ages 9-12 • Major League**  
(Player does not turn 13 before May 1 of the year in question)  
May 1, 1999 thru April 30, 2002  
Commissioner – Thomas Wimbish  
Phone: 443-827-0800  
Email: GreenbeltBaseball.Commissioners@gmail.com  
Assistant Commissioner – Joey Morales  
Phone: 301-613-0319  
Email: GreenbeltBaseball.Commissioners@gmail.com

\*Residents: \$50 (\$40 for each additional sibling)  
\*Non-Residents: \$70 (\$40 for each additional sibling)  
For more information please visit our website  
[www.leaguelineup.com/greenbeltbaseball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/greenbeltbaseball)

THIS WEEK  
AT THE GREENBELT ARTS CENTER!

**REEFER MADNESS  
THE MUSICAL**

**March 18 - April 2**  
**Friday & Saturday at 8:00**  
**Sunday, March 20 and 27 at 2:30**  
Signed performance of Reefer: March 26 courtesy of Birnbaum Interpreting Services  
**\$18 General/\$15 Students/Seniors**  
**WARNING: MATURE SUBJECT MATTER**  
For information & reservations, call **301-441-8770**  
email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org)  
or **BOOK TICKETS ONLINE** at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

**Coming Soon:**  
**AUDITIONS – Young Turq – March 20 – 21: 7-9pm**  
**Homespun Ceilidh Band - April 8**  
**The Burial at Thebes - April 29 - May 21**

123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770 • Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP



# Obituaries

## Robert W. Lauber

Robert W. Lauber, 85, a resident of Greenbelt since 1962, died on Friday, March 4, 2011, after succumbing to cancer.

Mr. Lauber was born on December 23, 1925, in an oil field boom town officially named Denoya but better known in its time as Whiz-Bang, Okla. He served in the Merchant Marines in World War II and in the Army Artillery in the Korean War.

In 1953, he married Dorothy Woods also from Oklahoma. They were married for almost 58 years.

Mr. Lauber graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from Oklahoma City University. He then went on to graduate school at Cornell University where he received a master's degree in industrial and labor relations. It was at Cornell that he discovered the federal government was recruiting workers to fill government agencies. Mr. Lauber applied, was tested and hired as an analyst to work for Health and Human Services in Maryland. He worked there until he retired in 1990.

It was this position that brought him to the Washington, D.C., area in 1962 where someone told him about Greenbelt and highly recommended it. Once seeing Greenbelt both he and his wife knew it was the place they wanted to settle and raise a family.

Mr. Lauber is survived by his wife Dorothy, his son Cole, his daughter Alexa, his grandson Kelley Kiefner, his daughter-in-law Janet Ramsey Lauber, his step-granddaughter, Rachel Sunday and his sister Doreen Somers, who resides in Lindsay, Okla.

In lieu of flowers those wishing to remember Mr. Lauber may make a donation to either Capital Hospice of Prince George's County or Joseph Richey Hospice in Baltimore.

## Hospice Holds Info Day for Volunteers

The Hospice of the Chesapeake will hold a Volunteer Information Day for prospective volunteers on Saturday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Prince George's office located at 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover.


Volunteer opportunities include patient care and bereavement support, general office duties, special events and community outreach. During the open house, hospice staff will talk about various volunteer opportunities available and answer questions. Light refreshments will be served.

For additional information or to register call Volunteer Coordinator Julie Medlin at 301-499-4500 or email [jmedlin@hospicechesapeake.org](mailto:jmedlin@hospicechesapeake.org).



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building



We were sorry to hear of the recent death of former Greenbelt Patrick John (Pat) O'Shea, 81, of Wheaton, Ill., after a distinguished career in law enforcement training. The O'Shea family lived on Lakeside Drive for eight years in the 1970s while Mr. O'Shea was with the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Washington, D.C., before returning to their Chicago roots. In 1992 he received the Illinois Governor's Award for Lifetime Achievement in Law Enforcement. Mr. O'Shea's wife of 47 years, Mary, died in 2003. He is survived by six children, 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Congratulations to:**

- Four schools serving Greenbelt students – Greenbelt Elementary, John Hanson Montessori, Magnolia Elementary and Robert Goddard French Immersion – that were among 45 county schools recognized for student achievement in the state's 2010 Maryland School Performance Recognition Program. They were presented recognition certificates at the March 15 Board of Education Awards Night ceremony held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.
- Greenbelt Elementary School vocal music teacher Dara Case and her husband Scott, a Paint Branch Elementary teacher, on the birth of daughter Shelby Celine Case, born Thursday, March 10, 2011, at 8:54 a.m. Shelby weighed in at 9 lb., 4 oz. and joins her two brothers.

– Greenbelt musician, songwriter and author Izolda Trakhtenberg, on the publication of her new urban fantasy novel, "The Fiddler's Talisman, Book 1 of The Fairy Godmother Diaries," which is to be released on March 25. The story draws on Trakhtenberg's love of fairy tales, music and New York – Evie Songbottom is an unusual fairy godmother, preferring whiskey to glitter, being a smart-ass to being proper and movies to just about anything. Her violin prodigy Joanna Brennan, reacting to her boyfriend's betrayal with her Juilliard roommate, has her heartbreak spilling over into the world of magic with possibly deadly results. For more information go to [www.fiddlerstalisman.com](http://www.fiddlerstalisman.com).

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322

**Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.**  
**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**  
**Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd**

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)  
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor


*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*

**St. George's Episcopal Church**  
*Join us around a table where all are welcome!*

Services

- Sundays  
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)  
10 a.m. main service  
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
- Wednesdays  
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)



Concerning the prejudice of race: it is an illusion, a superstition pure and simple! For God created us all of one race. In the sight of God there is no difference between the various races. Why should man invent such a prejudice? (Abdu'l-Baha)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

**Lower Patuxent River Bird Trip**

Join members of the Patuxent Bird Club and Prince George's Audubon Society on Saturday, March 26 at 7 a.m. looking for waterfowl, wintering sparrows and early migrant birds in South-ern Prince George's County top spots. Meet at the Bowie Park and Ride to carpool. Call trip leader at 410-721-1744 for reservations and details. All levels are welcome.

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

 Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community 

**March 20, 10 a.m.**  
"Good Good-byes" Rev. Diane Teichert  
with Don Mitchell, worship associate

  
... living life together

Meeting at Greenbelt Community Center, 2nd Floor

Please come this Sunday  
WORSHIP AT 11:00

Pastor Nigel C. Black, MDiv. (410) 627-8381

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

**Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor**  
**Worship Service 10:00am**

**Free Lenten Study:** Explore the meaning of Lent as we watch scenes from the movie Chocolat on Tuesday 7-9pm

**Greenbelt Baptist Church**  
101 Greenhill Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

**Welcome!**

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

**ALL are Welcome!**

*"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"*

**BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
301-474-7573  
6301 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
[berwynpresbyterian.net](http://berwynpresbyterian.net)

Sunday School	: 9:30 am
Worship	: 11:00 am
Child Care Available	
Office Hours	: M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

*"A hospitable, multicultural community of faith"*

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

**Midweek Lenten Service**  
12:15 & 7:00 p.m.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!**  
E-mail [myholycross@verizon.net](mailto:myholycross@verizon.net)

**Mishkan Torah Congregation**  
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM  
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
Conservative and Reconstructionist



### Monthly Play Reading Workshop Saturday

On Saturday, March 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. the OutOftheBlackBox Theatre Company (O2B2) will hold the third in its free monthly Play Reading Workshop series at the Community Center, Room 114.

The theme for March is “The Many Variations of Lysistrata: Why we can’t help but revisit (and tweak) this original Anti-War play.” The March workshop will be led by O2B2 Artistic Director Betsy Marks Delaney, who is also general manager of the Greenbelt Arts Center.

The group will read a selection of scenes from multiple script versions of Lysistrata and discuss the reasoning behind subsequent changes to the language and characters. Participants are welcome to read roles or enjoy the discussion as audience members. No performing experience is required. The play contains subject matter of an adult nature and may contain adult language; parental discretion is advised.

O2B2 welcomes new playwrights or anyone with an interest in reading published classics or new plays to propose subjects for future workshop themes.

O2B2 workshops are open to the public although space is limited. To propose future themes or to reserve space at the workshop call 301-922-1865 or email [info@o2b2.org](mailto:info@o2b2.org).

#### Young Turg

O2B2, a Greenbelt Recognition Group, will hold auditions for Young Turg, its next production, coming to the Greenbelt Arts Center in June. Information on that production and the auditions may be found at the O2B2 website at [www.OutOftheBlackBox.org](http://www.OutOftheBlackBox.org) or by calling 301-922-1865.

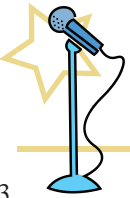
### Kids to Perform At Café Sunday

A Kids Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café this Sunday, March 20 runs from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. On the third Sunday of every month, children up to age 17 are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, recite a poem or otherwise perform.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email [annegrntr@yahoo.com](mailto:annegrntr@yahoo.com).

### CPAE Kids’ Arts Drop-in Program

On Sunday, March 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) Arts Specialist Aaron Springer will lead a free arts workshop for children ages 3 to 8 at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road. That day’s project will be Personal Talismans, with participants putting together colorful tidbits to make a wish for spring.



### City Notes

Planning staff submitted a historic permit application for the installation of additional bike racks at the Community Center.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 26.05 tons of refuse and 13.97 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials.

Recreation staff coordinated a trip for the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force to Arlington, Va. Carlin Spring Community School staff provided a tour of their school, gave an overview of the process they used to develop the community school strategy and also provided a tour of the facility.

Staff prepared bid documents for the Braden Field Tennis Court lighting project and is re-

viewing a proposal to resurface four tennis courts based on a pending contract with another government agency.

#### CARES

Social work interns Rebekah Coverston and Caitlin Hefferman are co-leading two groups of third graders at Springhill Lake Elementary School. One group focuses on grief and loss, while the other covers self-control and dealing with frustration.

### Greenbriar Clothing Drive Ends Monday

Monday, March 21 will be the last day for the Greenbriar annual clothing drive. Donations should be put in donation boxes in each residential building before that time.

### Advocates Sought For Foster Youth

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Prince George’s County is seeking volunteers to train as advocates for children living in foster care.

Volunteers spend about 10 hours a month getting to know the children and working with teachers, social workers and other adults protecting the child to help ensure the child’s needs are met and a safe, permanent home is found.

CASA/Prince George’s County is accepting applications for day and evening training sessions.

For more information visit the CASA website at [www.speak-forthechildren.org](http://www.speak-forthechildren.org) or call 301-209-0491.

### Hispanic College Prep, Apply by March 31

The Hispanic College Fund (HCF) sponsors the Hispanic Youth Institute, a national program for Latino high school students to help prepare them for college success as part of the HCF talent pipeline from high school to college to career. The program began in 2004 in Arlington, Va., and has expanded to eight areas of the country for the upcoming summer series of Kick-Off programs.

The Maryland program will be held from June 21 to 24, with a March 31 deadline for applications to attend. Students must be freshmen or sophomores in high school with at least a 2.5 GPA and must submit an application at [www.hispanicyouth.org](http://www.hispanicyouth.org) by the regional deadline to be considered for the program.



# City Information

TWO WEEKENDS ONLY!  
GREENBELT YOUTH MUSICAL 2011

26 TALENTED TEENS in  
*THE SCHOOL*  
FOR *SUPER-HEROES*

presents  
**ORLANDO FURIOSO**  
THE MUSICAL

Some upbeat teenagers with off-beat,  
not-so-super powers produce the most ambitious high  
school musical in history – and maybe save the world!

Saturday, March 19 at 7:00 pm  
Sunday, March 20 at 2:00 pm  
Friday, March 25 at 7:00 pm  
Saturday, March 26 at 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
TICKETS: \$5 CALL 301-397-2208

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.  
Vacancies exist on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Board  
For information call 301-474-8000.



**GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER**  
550-A Crescent Road  
(behind Police Station)

**Congratulations to Diamond on her adoption! Much happiness with her new family.**  
**COME OUT AND VISIT:**  
Charlie a sweet young male Pomeranian/  
Corgi that loves to play.  
Ashley a beautiful and friendly girl  
who was found roaming the streets of  
Greenbelt.



The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm, Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. INFO: 301.474.6124  
Donations welcome any time!

**Make sure to visit the  
Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook for the  
latest information on adoptable pets.**



Register for Greenbelt Alert and have emergency alerts sent to you via text or email. Sign up at:

**<http://alert.greenbeltmd.gov>**

This is a FREE service, but messaging costs from your provider may apply.

**“LIKE” THE CITY OF GREENBELT AT  
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CITYOFGREENBELT/](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CITYOFGREENBELT/)**

#### MEETINGS FOR MARCH 21-25

**Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:30pm, GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (Green ACES) at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.**

**Wednesday, March 23 at 8pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION with GATE at the GATE Studio in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.**

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).*

#### 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

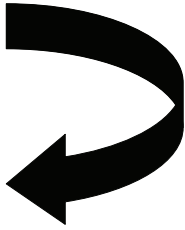
The celebration of the City’s 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee. For information call 301-474-8000.

#### KEEP YOUR TAXES AT HOME!

When filling out your State Income Tax this year, please make sure to specify GREENBELT as your local government. This will assure that a portion of your taxes stays in Greenbelt.

FORM 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN  
OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2010 ENDING 2010

Print Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)		Print Social Security Number	
First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Print Address (City, State, and Zip)		Print Address (City, State, and Zip)	
City or Town	State	City or Town	State
Print County (If you are a resident of a city or town, you may omit the county name.)		Print County (If you are a resident of a city or town, you may omit the county name.)	
GREENBELT		GREENBELT	



Greenbelt CARES presents

#### FIGHTING DEPRESSION

**6-Week Educational Support Group  
Mondays from March 28-May 3**

**5:00-6:15pm at the Municipal Building  
25 Crescent Road, 2nd Floor**

**Learn to Change your Thoughts, Improve your  
Relationships, Engage in Activities.**

**Group is free but you must  
register by calling 301-345-6660**

#### JOIN THE WE CAN CHALLENGE!



Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the City of Greenbelt are launching a home energy challenge.

1. Set up an online account with your energy utility.
2. Sign up on [www.wecansaveenergy.org](http://www.wecansaveenergy.org)
3. Earn points by conserving energy and exchange for discounts and coupons of your choice!

**Save Energy! Save Money! Earn Rewards!  
Sign up now! This pilot program runs through  
the end of March.**

### Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women,  
men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Md. **301-345-5111**



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shuttle service to Franklin Park children be provided to sports fields and other centers around the city. In response to a question from Pope, Kazarnovsky said they are studying installing the safety window guards for apartment windows.

Davis raised an issue suggested by Greenbelt resident David Lange relating to Franklin Park’s possible interest in using the historic portion of the Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) as a community center. They learned that Franklin Park now has a representative on the city’s GMS Task Force.

Resident Opinions

Among Franklin Park residents, David Abrahams said he was generally pleased with the new management. His main issue was the heating system and difficulty in controlling temperature. He wanted information on the new shuttle service and would like greater itemization on the rental bill. He also urged that maintenance employees use shoe covers so they do not soil apartment carpets.

Resident Brian Gibbons, a member of the city’s Advisory Planning Board, suggested management consider making their

communications bilingual. He agreed with the need for better lighting in parts of the complex and had good words for recent snow removal efforts. Concerning recycling, he suggested consideration of the height of dumpsters. “The only one who could easily use the dumpster,” he said, “ is Emmett Jordan.” (councilmember Jordan is well over six feet tall.)

Fieldstone Requests

Near the end of the worksession, Kazarnovsky made several specific requests to council:

1. The city’s annual code enforcement inspection is costly and worker intensive. At \$100/per unit, for a yearly total of \$287,000, Franklin Park requests a longer inspection term, such as a three year cycle.

2. The city could help Franklin Park with suitable locations for signage and directional signs on nearby major roads.

3. Franklin Park hopes the city will take opportunities to express pride in the development.

Without responding specifically, Davis said the city has seen improvement in the past few months.

GREENBELT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
2011/2012 Sport Registration  
\*\*\*\*REGISTER NOW\*\*\*\*

SOCCER, TRACK & FIELD, CHEERLEADING,  
FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL

WHERE?	GREENBELT YOUTH CENTER 99 CENTERWAY, GREENBELT, MD
WHEN?	THURS., MARCH 17, 6-9PM TUES., MAR. 22, 7:45-9PM/7-8PM SHL* WED., MARCH 23, 7-8:30PM THURS., MARCH 24, 6:30-9PM SAT., MARCH 26, 2-3PM*SHL MON.-FRI.,MARCH 28-APRIL 1, 7-8PM SAT., APRIL 9 & 16 1-2PM*SHL
HOW MUCH?	\$140 (for ALL 5 sports) \$100 (football only) \$70 (1 sport only) Check/Money Order (no cash payments)

WHAT TO BRING?	New Members –
Returning members –	• appropriate fee
• appropriate fee	• copy of birth certificate or passport
	• 2x2 in. picture and
	• proof of residency

\* SHL, Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
6101 Cherrywood Ln, Greenbelt, MD 20770



For More Information Contact:  
Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club at (301) 794-0100

SOCCER (SPRING/FALL Ages 5-14)

Spring: March - May    Fall: August-October

TRACK & FIELD (Ages 5-17)

May 1 - August 15

FOOTBALL (Ages 5-16)

August - October

CHEERLEADING (Ages 5-17)

August - October

COUNTY BASKETBALL (Ages 9-18)

November – March

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL (Ages 6-9)

November – March



In Loving Memory

LeRoy

November 1, 1996 to March 6, 2011

LeRoy came to Greenbelt in September of 1997, at the age of 10 months, as a rescue from the Prince George’s County Animal Shelter, adopted by Katrina through Partnership for Animal Welfare (PAW). He never advertised that he came from a long line of Le Melange Noir Terriers, a designer breed known for both their scruffy appearance and their tremendous ability to love. He attended Canine Training Association classes and quickly progressed to the advanced level, earning the Canine Good Citizenship Certificate.

LeRoy marched in the Labor Day parade twice, first while representing the Greenbelt Dog Park Association and then campaigning for Barack Obama. He dictated several letters to the editor of the Greenbelt News Review and the Greenbelter’s Listserve. His picture was selected for the 2010 PAW calendar which helped raise funds for PAW. He was also featured in the Gazette, the News Review and on Cable T.V.

LeRoy and Katrina could not have survived the early days without the fabulous Greenbelt Dog Park and his many rambunctious playmates. He was frequently described as “scrappy” when he would run, tumble and play for hours. He had the best nose at the dog park, often “outing” people with treats hidden in their pockets that other dogs had not discovered. He attended the Pool Plunge at the Aquatic & Fitness Center as often as possible, which helped improve his swimming ability and always promised a great time.

On walks with Katrina both she and he met many, many people and other canines. The pair was well known along their favorite routes: the Ridge Road Walk, Inner Walkway Stroll, Northway Trails, Research Road, Farmer’s Market Loop, GHI Office and Garden Tour and the Lake Loop. He loved the parties at Linda’s and he always knew to sidle up next to his favorites for extra handouts. Until recently he was always ready to run with Janet and other friends. LeRoy knew Kris could always be counted on for kisses, Hazel and “Miss Mary” never failed to have treats, Darlene would promise the best walks in town and Chuck, John and Katie would keep an extra eye on him.

He cherished hanging out in Walsh’s yard over the years watching squirrels, greeting passersby and meeting some of his favorite friends. He loved GHI vans, forever holding hope that “Uncle Bob” would appear, making that day as special as Christmas. Most recently he discovered Beverly’s yard, the closest thing to Heaven.

Immediate survivors are his dear feline “sister”, Bella, his favorite “cousin”, Alex, and his person, Katrina. LeRoy’s favorite long-time friend, Shadow of Greenway Place, is the last living of his original playmates. Special mention belongs to his beloved friend, Mokie, whom he proudly mentored in the art of play with whom he ran countless miles. Also to his newest people friends, Perkins, Harper and Madison, who always asked about him and were so eager to take him on walks.

Special mention must be made of several who predeceased LeRoy: his first off-leash friend Zephyr, Shadow’s “sister” Babe, and dear feline “brother” Zeke, as well as people friends, Clive Watson and Diana Shrader. Other people and dog survivors and those who predeceased him are too numerous to list, however each and every one of them were remembered fondly by LeRoy.

LeRoy brought joy to, and touched the hearts of, many with his loving soulful eyes and playful antics. His energy was boundless yet he had a gentle spirit. He loved to give kisses and he was always ready for a party or a walk. Others have described him as the canine equivalent to John Henry Jones, always ready to greet passersby and friends warmly.

LeRoy’s family will forever be grateful to the many PAW volunteers, especially Amy Bleich, the guardian angel who saved his life 14 years ago. A special thanks to our neighbors Anne and Pierrot, the College Park Animal Hospital, VOSM and VCA for helping LeRoy live out his last days as comfortably as possible. Countless calls, inquiries, prayers and help by friends have been such a blessing over the past year.

If you had ever asked LeRoy about getting a pet, he would have encouraged you to rescue one, preferably from PAW or the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, and, he would ask that you help support these groups in whatever way you were able.

There will be a celebration of LeRoy’s life and an opportunity to share your memories at the New Deal Café on Sunday, April 3, 2011, from noon to 2 p.m.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Greenbelt



Supermarket Pharmacy

Farm Fresh Produce		
Nutritious Broccoli Crowns	<b>99¢</b> lb.	Large Sweet Seedless Red Grapes <b>\$ 1<sup>18</sup></b> lb.
Jumbo Florida Red Grapefruit each	<b>\$ 1<sup>00</sup></b>	Crisp Green Beans <b>\$ 1<sup>69</sup></b> lb.
Fresh Crisp Garden Salad Mix 12 oz.	<b>\$ 1<sup>29</sup></b>	Fresh Jumbo Cantaloupe each <b>\$ 2<sup>99</sup></b>
		Fresh Tender Asparagus Spears <b>\$ 2<sup>99</sup></b> lb.
		Sweet California Navel Oranges each <b>\$ 1<sup>00</sup></b>
		Fresh Crop Sweet Onions <b>99¢</b> lb.

Fresh Quality Meats			
Fresh Value Pack Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breasts <b>\$ 1<sup>99</sup></b> lb.	Fresh Value Pack Center Cut Pork Chops or Roasts <b>\$ 2<sup>79</sup></b> lb.	Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Chuck Roast <b>\$ 3<sup>49</sup></b> lb.	Fresh 85% Extra Lean Ground Beef <b>\$ 2<sup>69</sup></b> lb.
Fresh Value Pack Country Style Pork Spare Ribs <b>\$ 2<sup>29</sup></b> lb.	Oscar Mayer Sliced Bacon Assorted 1 lb. pkg. <b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>	Hillshire Farms Lit'l Smokies or Wieners Assorted 1 lb. <b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>	Oscar Mayer Meat Bologna Orig./Light 1 lb. <b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>

Dairy		Deli		Frozen	
Shurfine American Singles Assorted 8 oz. <b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>	Shurfine Margarine Quarters 1 lb.. <b>89¢</b>	Hatfield Virginia Ham <b>\$ 4<sup>59</sup></b> lb.	Turkey Hill Ice Cream Assorted 48 oz. <b>\$ 2<sup>50</sup></b>	Shurfine Classic Vegetables Assorted 16 oz. <b>\$ 1<sup>00</sup></b>	
Kraft Cracker Barrel Cheese Assorted 7-10 oz. <b>\$ 3<sup>00</sup></b>	Shurfine Orange Juice Assorted 64 oz. <b>\$ 2<sup>00</sup></b>	Deli Gourmet Cooked Salami <b>\$ 2<sup>79</sup></b> lb.	Celeste Pizza For One Assorted 5-6 oz. <b>\$ 1<sup>00</sup></b>	Steak-Umm Thin Sliced Sandwich Steaks 10.5 oz. <b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>	
Health & Beauty	Seafood	Cooper C.V. Sharp Cheese <b>\$ 5<sup>99</sup></b> lb.	Natural & Gourmet	Bakery	
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# Police Blotter

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### DWI Arrest

March 4, 2:10 a.m., Edmonston Road at Edmonston Court, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Trespass

March 5, 10:24 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, two nonresident men were arrested, charged with trespassing and released on citation pending trial.

March 6, 3:04 a.m., 7200 block Hanover Drive, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with trespassing and disorderly conduct. He was released on citations pending trial.

March 7, 6:32 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a non-resident woman was arrested, charged with trespassing and released on citation pending trial.

### Vandalism

March 7, 9:30 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, an apartment window was reported broken.

### Burglary

March 3, 1:24 p.m., 100 block Westway, nothing was reported taken.

March 4, 12:57 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, an attempted burglary was reported,

March 5, 9 a.m., 7500 block Greenway Center Drive, electronics were reported taken.

March 7, 2:10 p.m., Pinecrest Court, currency was reported taken.

March 7, 2:57 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, nothing was reported taken.

March 7, 3:38 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, it was reported that tools and electronics were taken.

March 8, 1:06 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, nothing was reported taken.

## Police Make Arrest In Area Burglaries

On March 10 the Greenbelt Police Department Criminal Investigations Unit obtained an arrest warrant for Dewayne Kelvin Watkins, 52, of College Park for fourth-degree burglary, second-degree assault and reckless endangerment. He was charged in connection with a burglary on March 3 in the 100 block of Westway.

Watkins was identified on March 7 when a Greenbelt Police Department K9 officer observed the suspect's vehicle leaving the area of another reported burglary and made an investigative stop. As a result of that stop, he was taken into custody by a neighboring police department for his role in other burglaries in the area outside of Greenbelt.

An investigation is continuing in the suspect's possible involvement in other burglaries in the city.

### Vehicle Crimes

A black 2000 Nissan Maxima with Md. tags was reported taken from the 9100 block Springhill Lane. An attempt was made to steal a vehicle from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway.

Three vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt police and one by Maryland State police. No arrests were made.

Broken vehicle windows were reported in the following areas: 7600 block Hanover Parkway, Beltway Plaza, 9200 block Springhill Lane and 200 block Lakeside Drive.

Thefts from vehicles were reported at: 7800 block Hanover Parkway (two incidents -- iPod, MP3 player, registration sticker); and 6500 block Springcrest Drive (GPS mount, stereo). An attempted theft also occurred at 7800 block Mandan Road.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

## County Library Has Trustee Opening

The Board of Library Trustees of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System is seeking applications from county residents to fill a vacancy on this policymaking body, which is responsible for governance of the library. Applications and additional information are available in all branches of the county library system and in its Hyattsville administrative offices.

The application deadline is April 11. For more information call the Director's Office at 301-699-3500, ext. 242.

## Free Fitness Class Held in Laurel

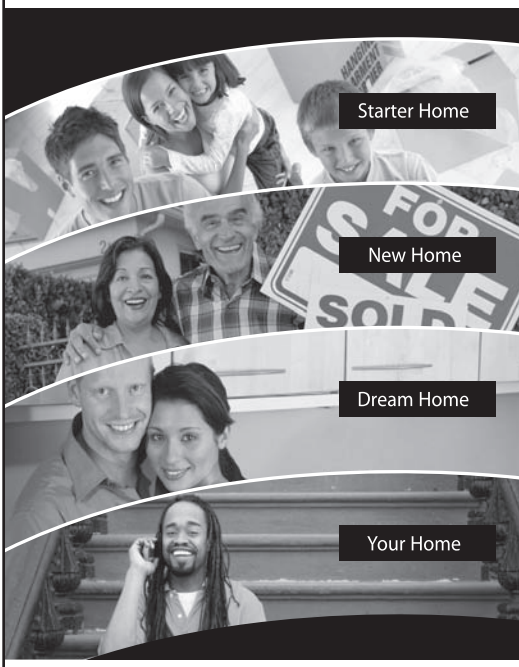
The South Laurel Recreation Council will hold a free fitness class on Monday, March 21 at the James Harrison Elementary School, 13200 Larchdale Road in South Laurel. A free yoga class will be held from 6:55 to 7:55 p.m. followed by a free zumba class from 8:05 to 9:05 p.m. These introductory sessions are held a week prior to the start of the Council's spring class sessions.

Those interested in reserving a space are asked to call the council at 301-776-2805.

## Patuxent Wildlife Annual Art Show

The 22nd Annual Friends of Patuxent Wildlife Art Show at the National Wildlife Visitor Center will be held on Saturday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Spend a weekend surrounded by nature at the Patuxent Research Refuge amid the wildlife art of over 35 nationally recognized wildlife artists, artisans and crafters. The art show is free and open to the public.

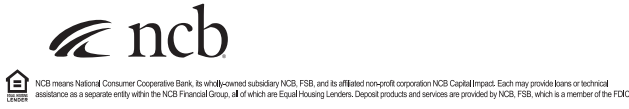
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# DUTKY

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**Animal Lover**

Dutky also has a passion for animals and so she volunteers at Greenbelt’s animal shelter. She appreciates the workers at the shelter who she says go the extra mile to find good homes for the animals. She has even established a small business, called Dutky Ranch Landscaping, in which she performs landscaping chores in exchange for financial donations to the animal shelter.

Among her many career accomplishments, she helped establish the Maryland Home and Garden Information Center, which operates the Master Gardener Program, responding annually to nearly 60,000 contacts by individuals with horticulture questions. She is also co-author (with Stanton Gill and David Clement) of the book “Diseases and Pests of Herbaceous Perennials – the Biological Approach.”

Dutky performed pioneering research on the sweet potato white fly, which is harmful to poinsettia plants. Along with a cadre of diagnosticians, she succeeded in developing a regimen to eliminate the pest from poinsettias. This enterprise enhanced the growth of an important nursery business. After 9/11, she helped form a network of biologists who collaborate on examining bioterrorism threats.

Although her formal career in plant pathology has ended, Ethel Dutky is pleased to share with others what she knows about plants and the environment. Greenbelt offers her numerous opportunities to link her horticulture expertise with community service. She is always finding ways to improve the natural environment which surrounds her Greenbelt world.

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Originally released in 1936 as Tell Your Children, Reefer Madness was a serious though hyperbolic warning against the evils of “marihuana” during the Depression, FDR’s New Deal, a rising tide of fellow traveling Pinko sympathy and other liberal tendencies. But it got no traction until the 1970s when it became a favorite of marijuana policy reformers, a cult film exuding unintentional comedy.

Is it fair to ask who is politically naive now? – the narrow minded right wing Neanderthals of the 1930s or the Pollyanna-ish liberals of today, for whom the legalization of marijuana is so mindlessly overdue it could be depicted by Norman Rockwell rather than R. Crumb?

Whether you are a reefer virgin, a reformed stoner zealot or one of the practicing lobotomized, you will get a real buzz from Reefer Madness. It is at GAC on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. through April 2. Check out [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org).

**Board of Education Meets March 24**

The Prince George’s County Board of Education will meet on Thursday, March 24 at 7:05 in the Sasscer Administration Building Board Room, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro.

The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may speak for three minutes by registering with the board office by 4:30 p.m. the day of the meeting.



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The program runs from June 20 through August 12 and is open to U.S. citizens or legal residents ages 15 through 18 years of age and applicant selection is by lottery. Enrollees work full time for 8 weeks (Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) and earn minimum wage. They are expected to be available for the entire program and have a strong interest in outdoor work and natural resources. A Social Security card is required prior to the first day of work. Applicants must provide transportation as public transportation is not available. Some prior projects have included repairing fencing, clearing vegetation, building and improving trails, cleaning water control structures, removing invasive plants and contributing to wildlife management programs. They also participate in educational activities.

Interested youth should visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov> for a YCC application form and additional information on the Refuge and the YCC program or call 301-497-5891 for information. Applications must be postmarked by April 9 and sent to: YCC Coordinator, Patuxent Research Refuge, 12100 Beech Forest Road, Laurel, MD 20708.

### Sunday Experiment Is NASA Kid's Program

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# GHI Board Reviews Pepco Energy-Efficiency Plan

by Sue Krofchik

One old, one new and several routine items were on the March 10 agenda for the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) board of directors meeting. The “old” news is that the arrival of spring brings the annual Community Beautification Program (CBP).

The new item is the energy-efficiency program, through Pepco contractor Honeywell Utility Solutions (HUS), for persons meeting income-eligible limits. (This program is available as well to any Greenbelt resident whose income meets certain criteria.) Routine matters for the GHI board included disaster planning, first readings for financial commitments and final approval to award a spring gutter cleaning contract.

The annual CBP, to begin on May 9, will follow the same format and procedures as in past years with one exception, the handling of excessive pet waste. In the past, when a member was cited for this infraction and failed to meet the deadline for cleanup, GHI staff would do so and bill the member.

The new procedure calls for contracting out waste removal to a business in this specialty. GHI will schedule the cleanup and the member will then be billed a minimum of \$100. Higher fees are possible, depending on size of the yard and the number of pets using it. A flyer describing this year’s program will be included in the upcoming Communicator.

**Energy Program**

The Pepco Income-Eligible Energy Efficiency Program for 2010-2011 is being implemented by HUS. Speaking at the meeting were Program Coordinator Vincent Rucker from HUS and Cam MacQueen of the Prince George’s County Department of Social Services Energy Assistance Program (EAP). The program is free for residents of Prince George’s County who meet income limits. All applications for this program, which is statewide, are evaluated by the EAP, who determines eligibility. Informational flyers and applications are available at the GHI office.

For those who qualify, the program includes two parts. The

weatherization portion allows up to \$2,500 for each homeowner, as needed, to provide attic and wall insulation; door and window weather stripping; duct sealing and insulation; compact fluorescent light bulbs, electric hot water heater wraps and pipe wrap; low flow showerheads; and faucet aerators.

The second part pertains to appliances. Persons qualifying for this part may receive another (up to) \$2,500 to replace the following appliances, if over 10 years old, with energy star appliances: refrigerators, electric hot water heaters, room air conditioners, air source heat pumps and central air conditioners. Homes will also be inspected for potential health, safety or durability issues. On-site energy use education is also included.

For further information call the EAP at 301-909-6300, email [www.dhr.state.md.us/meap](http://www.dhr.state.md.us/meap) or call Vincent Rucker at 301-805-3772 or email [Vincent.rucker@honeywell.com](mailto:Vincent.rucker@honeywell.com).

**Disaster Plan**

The Companion Animal Committee was given charge of developing a disaster plan for both members and animals. The committee, however, has been working on a plan solely for animals. Because of overlap between people and pets, the board has asked them to develop one plan with two parts, focusing on both people and pets.

Existing state, county and city disaster preparedness plans will be identified and reviewed and progress reports given to the board in three and six months.

**Miscellaneous**

The spring gutter cleaning contract totaling \$18,382 was awarded to Greenbelt Builders, Inc. Work is expected to begin in May.

First readings for the following were approved: purchase of a replacement, used cargo van for the maintenance department, not to exceed \$15,540; slate roof replacement for 43 homes for \$494,135 plus 10 percent for contingencies. A three-year contract with Unifirst Corporation to provide and clean uniforms for maintenance staff was approved at a cost of \$8,300 for the first year.

## March Programs At Patuxent Refuge

Patuxent Research Refuge public programs are held at two sites, the National Wildlife Visitor Center and the North Tract. Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887; special needs can be accommodated with advance notice. For more information visit [patuxent.fws.gov](http://patuxent.fws.gov).

**Programs**

The National Wildlife Visitor Center, located on Powder Mill Road between the B/W Parkway and Route 197, is offering the following free programs:

Making Sense Out of Nature – Monday, March 21, 2 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 5 to 7. Explore the many sides of nature by using the senses in this hands-on program.

Who Needs Dead Trees? – Thursday, March 31, 10:30 a.m. to noon for ages 5 to 7. Living trees are important but what about dead trees? Join a naturalist on this guided hike to explore fallen logs and learn just how important dead trees are to the animals in the refuge.

The North Tract, located on Rt. 198 between the B/W Parkway and Rt. 32, is offering the following programs:

Beautiful Buds – Sunday, March 20, 9 to 10:30 a.m. for all ages. Join a naturalist for a walk through the forest to search for the promise of the spring season. Learn how to identify trees by their buds.

Early Spring Wildflowers – Saturday, March 26, 1 to 2:30 p.m. for all ages. Search for signs of wildflowers on the refuge. Learn which spring flowers are the first to blossom. Field guides are recommended.

Sounds of Spring – Sunday, March 27, 8 to 10:30 a.m. for all ages. What was that sound? Look and listen for the sights and sounds of early spring residents and new visitors.

## Upcoming Events at New Deal Café

Three new artists’ exhibits are on display through May 2 – Gina Mai Denn’s “A Small Case of the Blues (and Greens and other colors too)” of her favorite ceramic pieces; children’s book author and illustrator Marian Williams’ watercolors and acrylics titled “Hometown Memories;” and photographer Gary Jimerfield’s most recent creations, titled “Examples: Selections from the Vault.” Jimerfield specializes in nature and Southwestern landscapes and has branched out into studio work with miniatures and abstracts.

On Thursday, March 17 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. The Spanish Conversation Group holds its weekly sessions from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Greentop Ramblers are the St. Patrick’s Day entertainment from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, March 18 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. pianist John Guernsey plays lively jazz and blues (every Friday and Saturday). Emy Tseng follows with jazz and Brazilian vocals from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, March 19 classical guitarist Bruce Krittr plays from 4 to 6 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. Gary Brown and the Bushmasters provide funky blues and rock.

Sunday, March 20 from 10:30 to noon is the weekly Sign Language Brunch Discussion in the Café front room, while the Not-2Cool Jazz Trio plays in the back room from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The monthly Kids’ Open Microphone Session is held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. From 7 to 9

p.m. singer-songwriter duo Russ ‘n’ Paul offer classic American vocals.

**Next Week**

Monday, March 21 is Reel & Meal night, with the free movie “Gasland” shown at 7 p.m., followed by a discussion. The film deals with “fracking,” a destructive way to drill through shale for natural gas that has spurred upcoming Maryland legislation for a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing.

On Tuesday, March 22 wandering minstrel Steve Haug entertains from 7 to 9 with a vast repertoire and multiple instruments. On Wednesday, March 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. people are invited to bring instruments and dancing shoes (or just sit and enjoy) the Mardi Gras Cajun Music Jam. On Thursday, March 24 the Songwriters Association of Washington will host its monthly open microphone night from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 25 features The Lonesome Valley Ramblers with roots, rock and country folk including original Curt Lucas’ songs from 7 to 9 p.m., with tips solicited for the benefit of the University Park Elementary School PTA.

Saturday, March 26 the Cypress Trio plays Southwestern Louisiana two-steps and waltzes from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, March 27 will be a Gypsy Jazz Hot Club of DC jazz jam from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 29 is the Café’s inaugural open microphone poetry night from 7 to 9 p.m., where poets are invited to express their “inner poet” through spoken word.



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